



Housing Authority of the City of Alameda

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Ms. Mary Nichols
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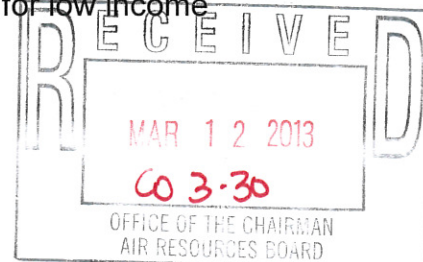
RE: Investment Plan for Cap-and-Trade Auction Revenues

Dear Chair Nichols:

As the Executive Director for the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda, I am writing to show the agency's support of the Sustainable Communities for All Proposal, which would direct a portion of cap-and-trade auction revenues to building and preserving affordable homes near transit, increasing public and active transit options, and providing energy efficiency and sustainable energy resources for multifamily homes affordable to low income households.

The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda's mission is, in partnership with the entire community, to advocate and provide quality, affordable safe housing, encourage self-sufficiency, and strengthen community inclusiveness and diversity in housing. With the closure of the Alameda Naval Air Station a portion of the former naval base has been converted into support-intensive housing for low-income individuals. This housing has allowed formerly homeless families to obtain stable housing and begin a journey towards self-sufficiency. The units are close to public transportation, allowing these families to obtain and retain employment. In this same area a complex providing transitional and permanent housing for survivors of domestic violence was developed and received monies from the Weatherization Assistance Program allowing for insulation to the walls and attic, reducing heating and cooling costs. We, along with others, continue to work in developing the area in a manner that incorporates housing, services, and retail opportunities in a community that promotes green methods of transportation over personal vehicle use and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. If funds continue to be earmarked for such programs, we can continue to provide affordable housing options to the most vulnerable of our population and create sustainable communities.

The Sustainable Communities for All Proposal will help to achieve the vision of AB 32 and SB 375 equitably by providing transportation and housing choices that allow all Californians to drive less and reduce household costs, especially for low income.



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households. Without funding incentives like the ones outlined in the Sustainable Communities for All Proposal, affordable housing may not be a viable option for developers. We hope, that with this type of funding available, more developers will see the benefit of communities like the one described above. We thank you for the opportunity to provide this input.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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